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SUBJECT: RAZAK STATEMENT ON DIEGO GARCIA

1. FOLLOWING ANSWER TO WRITTEN QUESTION PROVIDED AT APRIL 17
PARLIAMENTARY SESSION. (NONESENTIAL WORDS DROPPED).

2. ABU BAKAR BIN UMAR (PMIP, KUBANG PASU BARAT) ASKED:

A) EXTENT TO WHICH SAFETY OUR COUNTRY THREATENED BY ESTABLISHMENT
AIR AND NAVAL BASES DIEGO GARCIA ISLAND BY AMERICA; B) STEPS
THAT HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE TAKEN BY GOVT TO DISCOURAGE AMERICA

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FROM DOING SO.

3. PM RAZAK'S ANSWER: A) MALAYSIA CONSIDERS ALL FOREIGN NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN INDIAN OCEAN, PARTICULARLY ACTIVITY CONCEIVED IN CONTEXT OF MAJOR POWER RIVALRY, AS A SOURCE OF TENSION AND AS SUCH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT STABILITY AND SECURITY OF LITTORAL STATES OF IO OF WHICH WE ARE ONE. WE REGARD EXPANSION OF MILITARY FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA AS BEING IN CONTEXT OF MAJOR POWER RIVALRY AND AS SUCH IS A FACTOR THAT DIMINISHES RATHER THAN ENHANCES STABILITY AND SECURITY OF LITTORAL STATES; B) A STATEMENT WAS MADE BY GOVT ON FEB 6, 1974, EXPRESSING REGRET THAT MILITARY FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA WERE BEING EXPANDED, PARTICULARLY WHEN EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO ELIMINATE NAVAL RIVALRY IN IO AND TO MAKE IO A ZONE OF PEACE. STATEMENT POINTED OUT THAT MALAYSIA, TOGETHER WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, SOUGHT TO SEE IO FREE FROM ALL FOREIGN NAVAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY ACTIVITY CONCEIVED IN CONTEXT OF MAJOR POWER RIVALRY AND DEPLORED INCREASE OF SUCH ACTIVITY IN IO. CONTENT OF THIS STATEMENT WAS CONVEYED TO GOVTS OF US AND BRITAIN. FURTHERMORE, MALAYSIA HAS ACTIVELY SUPPORTED IN UN ALL MOVES TO MAKE IO A ZONE OF PEACE AND IS A MEMBER OF UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THIS QUESTION. MALAYSIA WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS OBJECTIVE PARTICULARLY IN UN FORMU. UNDERHILL

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